

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the present amendment, applicants have canceled Claims 12-23. In addition, applicants have amended Claim 11 to include a list of excipients obtained from canceled Claims 12-23. Applicants have also amended other claims to place the claims in better form and remove multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

The foregoing amendments to the specification are to place the Abstract on a separate sheet. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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